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Number: 9-4091-2

CHCIL B. IN MILLS - Victim; (Letter Postmerked Lekey,

Kamess, Sept. 10, 1936);

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EXTORTION.

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Examination requested by: Les Amples

Date received:

10/10/20 MAG 4:30 P. M.

Examination requested:

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Result of examination:

Examination by: Pickering

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Federal Sureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

LOS ANCELES, CALIFORNIA October 5th, 1938

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

> Re: HOMER ALAN GILLETTE: CECIL B! DE MILLE - Victim (Letter Postmarked LeRoy, Kansas, Sept. 19, 1938); EXTORTION.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telegram of the los Angeles office to the Bureau on October 5, 1938 advising concerning the receipt of a letter by the victim from the subject, in which \$1,000 was demanded.

The original of this letter is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, along with the envelope in which the letter was mailed, which you will note is postmarked "LeRoy, Kansas, September 19, 1938. Photostatic copies of the extortion letter and envelope are attached hereto for the Bureau and the Kaneas City Division. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. De Mille,

"I am writing to you for \$1,000. for my services in "Chained" on lux Radio Theater on the night of June 13.

Winds send in sea new Arte - enther air mans or wire. Or else.

(Signed) Homer Alan Gillette"

As was indicated to the Bureau in the telegrem of the los Angeles office, there is perhaps no violation involved in this letter in view of the fact that the element of a threat would have to be construed from the last two words of the letter, "Or else".

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October 5, 1938

Director

However, in order that the Los Angeles office can maintain its relationship with the motion picture profession in the handling of these letters, it is requested that the Kansas City Division conduct an apprepriate investigation at LeRoy, Kansas, to determine the identity of the writer of this letter and his reason for so communicating with Mr. DE MILLE. If the identity of the writer is established, it is believed that the facts should also be presented to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution, the Bureau, of course, being notified before such action is taken.

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It is also requested that the Los Angeles office be promptly notified of any developments, especially if an arrest is made, in order that Mr. DE MILLE can be advised.

Kansas City Division, it might be stated that this letter was brought to the attention of the Los Angeles office by FLUHENCE COLE, one of Mr. DE MILLE'S employees, who stated that she personally opened the envelope in which the letter was received. She also stated that one of the girls in the office, VIVIAN PATTERSON, had handled the letter while making a typewritten copy of it. When the letter was received in the Los Angeles office, it was opened by MONNIEY STEMART, a stemographer, who might have handled the envelope inamench as the envelope was attached to the letter of transmittal and was not encased in a cellophane envelope at the time. Likewise it is possible that I touched the envelope when the letter came to my attention with other mail.

Very truly yours,

JEH CHO cc: Kenses City (Encl) Special Agent in Charge.

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October 19, 1936

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Special Agent in Charge.

Les Angeles, California

Re: Homer Alea Gillette; Secil S. Da Mille -Victim; (Letter postmarked Le Noy, Kamana, September 19, 1936); Extertion.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report # 24969. In connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office subcitted for examination:

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Laboratory Report

Case:

October 14, 1933

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Examination requested by:

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Examination by: Pickering

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The handwilting on the questioned specimens was sentened against the Laboratory's encryable latter file and to identification could be effected. Photographic copies of the questioned specimens. will be added to this file and in the event of a future identification. your office will be rosified.

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October 14, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge Los Argeles, California

> Se: Momer Alen Glilette: Geril B. De Mille - Victin: (Letter postmurked Le Roy, Kanana, Saytusbar 19, 1858); Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted terewith the laboratory report covering the examination of a scinans submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and seceived in the Dureau

Ostober 10, 1938.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

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This boy's nother, Mrs. WABEL GallATTE, explained that HUKER has been confined to bed for nearly Tour years, suffering from mental and heart possilications and that his only recreation is his bedreom redio, over which he listens to the Lux Radio program such week and said it was from this succe that he evidently conceived the idea which later became fixed in his mind that he actually played on this program. She said he has written letters on different occasions to several of the Hollywood movie stars and celebrities and that she always destroys these letters after telling him she would mail then for him, so as not to make him feel bad. She said that instant letter was evidently sheated out of the house by one of the neighbors onlideen at her som's request.

Mrs. CILIBITE advised that Dr. A. B. McCCRNELL of Burlington, Kanasa, has been treating her boy's condition for several years and that, if necessary, he would confirm the statements made by her, if contacted.

OILLETTE is a boy 20 years of ege, anemic, distingued and is so obviously strongered mentally it was not deemed advisable to contact Dr. McCommitte to Durlington, Mansas, for the purpose of curlinging May won's condition.

Promised the would see to it that her boy wrote no more letters of this type.

The following description of GILLETTE was obtained from personal object with and from information furnished by his mother:

Name - HOME: ALAN GILLETTE

Age - 20 years (born 12-10-17 leMoy, Karasa)

Buight - 5 feet Minches

Weight - 100 punds

Build - very thin

Complexion - very sallow

Eair - brown

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Letter from the Los Angeles office, 10-5-38.

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- At Lakoy, Kenna.

W. H. HARRIS, Postmerter, edvised that HORRY ALAN GILLETTE is an invalid and has been for several years confined to bed. He said that GILLETTE for several years prior to his present illness seemed to suffer from more mental condition and was treated by the school children as the "town clorence. He easil from what he has heard regarding tits boy's activities he is not responsible for any of his actions.

The writer, accompanied by GROVER WARRELL, the local marchal, interviewed FOMER ALAN CILLETS at his home. This individual's conversation was rechiler and incoherent. To insisted he played in the Lax Radio Theatre program at which time he became acquainted with JCAN CRANTOND, with whom he now appears to be very much infatoated. Leter during the conversation had with him he ir sisted on introducing the write, and the local official to kins CEARFORD, who, he claimed, was in the next rooms

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Federal Cureau of Investigation United States Department of Instice Washington, D. C.

April 4, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TANK

Mr. Thismain as announced

Mr. John Reddan of the Criminal Division called and inquired whether we have a "threatening letter" case involving one Homer Allen Gillette alias Homer Allen. This case, according to Mr. Reddan, occurred at Le Roy, Kansas about one year ago.

I told him I would check the file and call

Respectfully,

L. D. Pennington

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Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington, B. L.

LRP:DF 9:30 A. X. April 5, 1940

MINIORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAM

He: Homer Alan Gillette
Cecil B. DeMille, Victim
Extortion

I called Mr. John Reddan of the Criminal Division and informed him only one report had been received on the above case - that from the Kansas City Office indicating Subject Gillette, age 20, was mentally unbelanced and has been bedridden for Your years. He inquired whether the Department had been furnished a copy of the report, and when advised in the negative he requested a copy of the report of Special Agent E. M. Arieger, Kansas City, Kissouri, deted October 11, 1938, be forwarded to him.

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Respectfully

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MERCHANICUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTONNEY GENERAL CALIFER ROCCE

Attentions Ar. John Rediam
Res Homer Lies Gillette
Cecil B. Dedille, Statis
Extortion

In compliance with your tale, made we went of Mr. Familiagion of this bureau on April 5, 1960, there is not the separa of Special Agent 7. No Extern. Senses City, Fistouri, dated Dotober 21, 1983.

Very truly yours.

John Miger Houver Director

Apr 1st 1940

Dept. of Justice Washington D. C.

I would like very much for you to send to me a copy of what was called a threatening letter written by Homer Allen Gillette, Le Roy, Kans.

Likely signed just Homer Allen.

It was written nors than a year ago to a movie director. This boy had been in bed for four years with a heart allment and when he finally got up and around we discovered that his mind was in bad condition.

He has been in hospital a year this month.

Is better physically but Drs. say little change mentally. He was a boy that had never given any trouble in any way and I feel I must know the contents of that letter.

Sincerely, His Mother

Milel Gillette, Le Roy, Kans.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHINGTON, D. C.

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> ra: lioner Allen Villette, wlias Hower Allen, Le Hoy, Kansas, - Allegel violation Section 358(a), Title 18, United States Code

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There is attached hereto a letter dated April i, 1940 from one Mrs. Mabel villette, Le Roy, Kansas, mother of the above subject, requesting that she be furnished a copy of the threatening letter allegedly written by the subject to a movie director.

It is understood but one to the mental condition of the subject, this case has rever been submitted to the United States Attorney or to this Division for prosecution. Therefore, it appears that an appropriate scimostorizant of the shove letter should be made by the Bureau.

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April 18, 1940

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Dan Grower Livis Gillatter; Oucil De Dealle, Victing EXTORTION

Reference is made to your memorandum dated April 8, 1940, inclosing on original letter deted /pril le 1940, received from the Main Millette, in 187, Labore, in widelt che requests that she to fornished with a copy of a letter written by her son, the subject in the above entitled ease.

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